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Memories of a golden age of the cinema and plans for new village

MIKE PETTY AND JAMES MILNER LOOK THROUGH THE CAMBRIDGE NEWS ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST

The Kinema photographed in 1963

Author's memories of Cambridge's lost cinemas – 1985

THE Kinema is no more.Like the Central Cinema, it has become a Bingo hall. But at least it has not been pulled down to make room for a supermarket, like the Playhouse, nor turned into a warehouse, like the Tivoli, nor demolished to become a car park, like the Rex.

Leslie Halliwell, who was manager at the Kinema and Rex, is now regarded as the country's leading cinema buff.

In his new book, Seats in All Parts, he has plenty to say about the way cinemas used to be run in Cambridge

Swaffham Prior church bells ring out once more – 1976

THE bells can ring out from St Cyriac's in Swaffham Prior once again – but they will call the villagers to worship in the neighbouring church of St Mary whose tower was not strong enough to take the strain of the bells.

Now, the sound of St Cyriac's bells mark the end of extensive restoration by the Redundant Churches Trust and the villagers can make suggestions on the future use of the building.

Similar churches have been used as concert halls, folk museums or wedding reception halls. St Cyriac's was last used for services in 1902.

St Cyriac's church at Swaffham Prior

Clunch – a key building material no longer used – 1964

CLUNCH was, for centuries, an important material but now the old quarries have fallen into disuse except as sources of stone for road-mending and fen-embanking.

Sometimes, the waste rubble was burnt for unslaked lime and the limekilns in Carter's Quarry at Burwell were used as air raid shelters.

They are still there, derelict and tumble-down, with the shed that once housed the transport horses.

Part of the interior of Heydon Church, bombed during the war, was rebuilt with clunch and, at Lode, a new chapel, built entirely with clunch, was added by Lord Fairhaven when builders had to be specially trained for the work.

The remains of a clunch barn at Burwell

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